

# Disaster Assistance Courses

## **The Local Assistance Center and Individual Assistance Programs (one day)**

For *City and County Administrators, members of the County Boards of Supervisors, Emergency Coordinators and Managers, voluntary agency representatives, private/non-profit organizations and legislators and their staff*. Learn the types of state and federal disaster assistance that may be available after a disaster, and the process by which these resources are obtained. Learn how state and federal programs may enhance local/voluntary agency resources to maximize assistance to individuals, families, business owners, farmers and ranchers. This one-day course also covers the role that OES plays in assisting local government in organizing and staffing a Local Assistance Center (LAC) with local, state, federal and voluntary agency representatives. A class participation exercise will reinforce how disaster assistance is delivered through the face-to-face contact with program representatives in a LAC operation, as well as demonstrate the coordination efforts involved in the LAC process.

## **Introduction to Public Assistance (one day)**

For *(Same as above)*. This one-day course is designed to inform local government and special district managers and officials of the application, documentation and eligibility requirements for State and Federal Public Assistance programs. Participants will learn what it takes to maximize public assistance funding. The course also includes information on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's hazard mitigation program, which will enhance your community's resistance to future disasters.

## **Public Assistance and the Project Worksheet (one day)**

For *Project Managers, Emergency Managers, and Facility Managers of state and local government and private-non-profit organizations*. This is a hands-on one-day course to inform state and local agency staff responsible for project management and funding about the documentation and eligibility requirements for the State and Federal Public Assistance Programs. This course is designed to follow the Introduction to Public Assistance course. The course includes "table top exercises" addressing program eligibility, project formulation, and how to complete a Project Worksheet outlining eligible scope of work and costs for reimbursement by OES and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

## **Disaster-Recovery Environmental & Historical Laws (half day)**

For *Environmental Specialists, Project Managers, Public Works Officials, Emergency Managers, Facility Managers and others*. Understanding the environmental and historical laws that arise during the recovery process can prevent the loss of funding and speed up the reconstruction of damaged facilities. This course covers the environmental and historical review process that occurs following a disaster. (This course runs in conjunction with the Debris Management course.)

## **Debris Management (half day)**

For *Emergency Managers, Public Works Officials, and staff representing the following disciplines: transportation, waste management, planning, engineering, health and safety, insurance and Geographic Information Systems*. The training examines disaster related debris issues and discusses possible solutions, information and guidance for debris management issues. (This course runs in conjunction with the Disaster-Recovery Environmental & Historical Laws course.)

### **Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Coordinator Training (one day)**

*For Building Officials and Emergency Coordinators:* Learn how to request and manage Safety Assessment Evaluators when post-disaster evaluation of buildings and structures become necessary. This course helps local government officials understand the capabilities and limitations of this important program, with discussion of best practices obtained from over a decade of experiences. The course includes the latest program information from the updated Evaluator Training course (see below).

### **Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Evaluator Training (one day)**

*For Registered Civil, Structural, and Geotechnical Engineers, Licensed Architects and Geologists and Certified Building/Construction Inspectors or Officials:* This technical, one-day course trains specialists on how to assess facility safety after a disaster. This program helps SAP communities recover as quickly and safely as possible. The new program expands on the former ATC-20 earthquake material by being multi-hazard and includes non-traditional structures. It uses ATC-20 and ATC-45 as the methodology for evaluations. A loyalty oath and digital photo are required as part of the onsite registration process.



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